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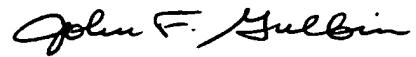
references coming to their attention which are related to the invention of the subject application, Applicants hereby direct the Office's attention to the following references, copies of which are being submitted herewith. Form PTO-1449 listing the references is also enclosed.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date</u>
3,121,660	Hall, Jr.	Feb. 18, 1964
4,427,734	Johnson	Jan. 24, 1984
4,740,409	Lefkowitz	April 26, 1988
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5,268,076	Best et al.	Dec. 7, 1993
5,330,604	Allum et al.	July 19, 1994
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The Applicants are of the opinion that the present invention is patentable over these references. They are being submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office to ensure that all pertinent art of which the Applicants are aware is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of these references into the

file of the present application is believed to be in order and
is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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